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Honorable Jacob K. Javits  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Javits:

25X1 Your correspondence dated 3 March enclosing a letter  
from [redacted] of Brooklyn, New York, has been referred  
from the Department of Justice to this Agency for reply.

25X1 [redacted] expressed concern about the possible adverse  
effect of cutbacks in personnel on our intelligence opera-  
tional capabilities. In that connection you may wish to  
send her comments made by Admiral Stansfield Turner,  
Director of Central Intelligence, in a recent U.S. News and  
World Report interview. In that interview he addressed the  
same concern raised by [redacted]

I trust this information is useful in responding to  
your constituent.

Sincerely,

[redacted]  
Acting Legislative Counsel

Enclosure

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"Q. Are you 'going overboard' in your reliance on technology rather than traditional spying to do the job, as some critics have complained?

A. Quite the reverse. Everything I am doing is designed to emphasize improved human intelligence collection.

One of the things that I have done in the past year is to stimulate increased interest and attention on the part of the top policy makers in the Government in what human intelligence collection can do for them. And they're giving us lots of support in that direction, and more guidance as to what they want.

That's what helps to make good clandestine intelligence collection. You want to collect what people need, not what you think is important.

Now, the advent of new technological means of collecting intelligence is one of the factors that is creating change in the process of intelligence in a very substantial way. The trouble is that, in a general sense, technical intelligence tells you what happened yesterday!

Ever since the Battle of Jericho in Biblical times, the human intelligence agent has helped you to find out what's likely to happen tomorrow. I find that the more technical intelligence data I give to the policy makers, the more often they ask me what is going to happen tomorrow--the intentions of the other side. And I must turn to the human intelligence people of the CIA for those answers.

So, contrary to the implication of your question, the advent of better technical collection has led to greater demands for the kind of collection which is done by the human intelligence element."

From: U.S. News and World Report, 6 February 1978

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FROM : RJK	28 March 1978	SUSPENSE DATE 30 Mar 78
SUBJECT: <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">90 MAR 1978</span> Response to Senator Javits re constituent letter		
NOTES		
<p>This constituent is concerned about possible loss in effectiveness of human intelligence gathering as a result of personnel cutbacks.</p> <p>DCI comments in "U.S. News and World Report" are very helpful on this point.</p>		
<div style="text-align: right;">25X1</div> <p style="text-align: center;">" <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 50px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span> -</p> <p><u>2 concerns</u></p> <p>① In sending article we are also sending beginning which is not positive -</p> <p>② Any copyright problems - I know we use to send reports but I assume we spend with publisher.</p>		
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ACTION REQUIRED BY GEX LLM:		
<p>Letter for your signature.</p> <p>Helen's Office has no problem with sending an extract of the interview</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Per LLM is - 31 MAR 1978</p> <p style="text-align: right;">③ Personnel cut down re religious services - better asqmb - but 2 PBs only to suffice or come by with special ~</p>		

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

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March 20, 1978

Honorable Jacob K. Javits  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Javits:

This is in response to your inquiry of March 3, 1978, on behalf of

After careful consideration, I am taking the liberty of referring this matter to the Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D. C. 20505, asking them to reply directly to you.

If I may be of further assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Wald  
Assistant Attorney General



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United States Senate

SEN. JAVITS

MAR -3 1978

Respectfully referred to

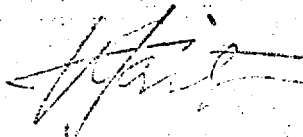
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20530

for such consideration as the communication  
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report  
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of  
inclosure.

By direction of



Jacob K. Javits, U.S.S.  
ATTN: Scott Baker  
202-224-5532

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SEN. JAVITS

MAR - 3 1978

Senator Jacob Javits  
United States Senate  
Washington D.C. 20510

Justice 169444  
FEB 24 1978  
JKJ staff  
name  
Cross  
re: CIA cutbacks

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you regarding the recent cutbacks on the number of CIA agents. Why is this being done?

The KGB is expanding its influence in the Mideast, Germany, France and other European countries. The simple fact is that while we are cutting back the Soviets are increasing their agents.

By drastically cutting our operational intelligence force, we are jeopardizing one of our most valuable sources of intelligence. Although only 15 percent of the CIA's intelligence is collected by human sources, this is most often the most important source of information on our enemies because it shows their intentions. We would never have known about Soviet installation of missiles in Cuba had it not been for agents on the

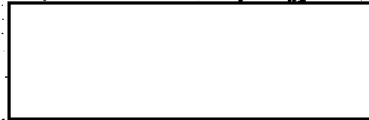
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ground who let us know about it and the location so our reconnaissance planes could get photographic evidence. The ~~the~~ more the Soviets develop sophisticated countermeasures to neutralize most of our technical intelligence collection means (ie killing satellites), we will have to rely more on human sources of information and this means more agents we should have, not less.

Please do something to reverse this disastrous course. We need every agent to help us to remain free.

Sincerely yours



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